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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,

Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant

Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/693,145
Filing Date: October 20, 2000
First Named Inventor: Gress, E.
Group Art Unit: 3711
Examiner Name: A. Hunter
Attorney Docket Number: 000.1398USU

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. _____ Previously submitted

i. _____ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. _____ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed filed on _____

iii. _____ Other _____

b. XXX Enclosed

i. XXX ✓

Amendment/Reply

ii. _____

Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. _____

Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. XXX ✓

Other Petition to Revive Patent Application Abandoned Unintentionally with fee (\$650.00)

v. XXX ✓

Other Revocation of Previous Powers and Appointment of New Powers of Attorney with Certificate Under 37 CFR §3.73(b)

2. Miscellaneous

a. _____ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. _____ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. _____ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. **01-0467**.

i. XXX _____

RCE fee (\$375.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)

ii. _____

Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. _____

Other _____

b. XXX _____

Check in the amount of \$1,025.00 enclosed

c. _____

Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

August 18, 2003
Date of Signature

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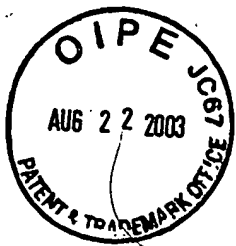
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gress
Serial No: 09/693,145
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CARD GAME
Filed: October 20, 2000
Examiner: A. Hunter
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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